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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUGJECT: Briefing on CIA for Air Force Legislative Liaison

1. During my recent 15-day active duty tour with the Directorate of Legislative Liaison in Air Force, it was suggested by various officers that they would benefit from a briefing on the CIA mission, function and organization. Arrangements were then made, with General Cabell's approval, and the briefing occurred on 26 May 1959. Present from the Air Force were:

Major Joseph J. Smyth
Colonel Eugene E. Myers
Colonel Jack A. Sims
Colonel Carl M. Nelson
Colonel Edward M. Lightfoot
Lt. Colonel James M. McGary, Jr.
Major Eric Linhof

Present from CIA were:

Lyman B. Kirkpatrick Lawrence R. Houston

John S. Warner

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2. General Cabeli welcomed the officers here and thanked them for past assistance to the Legislative Counsel of CIA. After a few remarks General Cabeli left. Messrs. Kirkpatrick. Houston and Warner conducted the briefing and were also present.

3. The briefing consisted of a short history of the organization and its origin and then, utilizing the basic organization chart, the units of the Agency were identified and discussed, developing the missions and functions

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of the Agency. In addition, the National Estimates processing chart was utilized to explain the process and our relationship with other intelligence components. The briefing lasted for approximately two hours and there was only a short period for questions.

4. A strong point was made by a number of the officers present that a briefing of this type would be most beneficial in the various Service schools such as the Air War College, the Armed Forces Staff College in Norfolk, Industrial College of Armed Forces, and the National War College. The officers present seemed to gain a great deal from the briefing and there were many expressions to this effect which I believe were completely sincere.

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